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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/805,429	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HANS ET AL.	
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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20080523.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-96 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-96 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 05/23/2008 has been entered.

### ***Response to Amendment***

2. In response to communications filed on 11/15/2006, the Examiner acknowledges the amendments made to the claims and have both considered and applied them to the claims.

### ***Response to Remarks/Arguments***

3. Applicant's remarks/arguments with respect to the rejection of claims 1-96 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 25, 26, 49, 50, 73 and 74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being disclosed by Deo.

Regarding claims 1, 25, 49 and 73, Deo, discloses a card device for communication with an electronic device, comprising:

- a capabilities list associated with an application program, said capabilities list including information regarding access to one or more resources for use by said application program, and for storing said application program and a security manager (0023 – “[access control list] (ACL) controls access to the associated file, thereby permitting only authorized applications to gain access to and perform file operations on the volatile files” the disclosed access control lists is equated to the claimed capabilities list);
- a memory for storage (Figure 1 and paragraph 0019 – “volatile rewritable memory in the form of RAM (Random Access Memory) 106, a ROM (Read Only Memory) 108, and an persistent read/write memory such as EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable ROM) 110”); and

- a processor for executing said application program (Figure 1 and paragraph 0019 – “a CPU processor 104”).

Regarding claims 2, 26, 50 and 74, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1 wherein said one or more resources comprise at least one of data and functions (0020 – “operating system 114 exposes a set of application program interfaces (APIs) that enable resident applications 112 to perform tasks and manipulate data on the smart card”).

Regarding claims 3, 27, 51 and 75, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1 wherein said one or more resources comprise one or more resources external to said card device (0020 – “nonresident applications 116, which execute external to the smart card (e.g. programs on kiosks, point-of-purchase machines, etc.), may also place function calls with the operating system 114 to perform tasks or manipulate data on the smart card”).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4-7, 28-31, 52-55 and 76-79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deo et al. (US Patent No. 6839843 A1 hereinafter Deo) and further in view of Wilkinson et al. (US Patent No. 6,308,317 hereinafter Wilkinson).

Regarding claims 4, 28, 52 and 76, Deo, is silent in at least one of: terminal side resources and channels of a communications network, however Wilkinson does provide such a disclosure (Figure 1 and 7:66-67 and 8:1-4 – “terminal 14 prepares and downloads Java applications to the integrated circuit card 10 using the terminal communicator 12b. The terminal communicator 12 b is a communications device capable of establishing a communications channel between the integrated circuit card 10 and terminal 14” and 8:15-19 – “terminals can be automated teller machines (ATMs), point-of-sale terminals, door security systems, toll payment systems, access control systems, or any other system that communicates with an integrated circuit card or microcontroller”).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to have been motivated to modify the smart card subsystem of Deo with the integrated circuit Wilkinson, as both Deo and Wilkinson disclose use of a smart card in executing applications/application requests, however Wilkinson describes in detail the interpretation of an

application written in high level programming language into the low level language used in the execution of applications by the smart card, whereas Deo does not disclose such details. Wilkinson provides motivation in the disclosure of 3:37-46,—which recites "a need to load new applications on the card that do not have the explicit knowledge of the other providers, but without the possibility of compromising the security of the card" and 3:60-63, which recites that "applications may be downloaded to a smart card without compromising the security of the smart card. These applications may be provided by different companies loaded at different times using different terminals."

Regarding claims 5, 29, 53 and 77, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1 wherein said one or more resources comprise one or more resources owned by at least one of said application program and another entity (0020 – "nonresident applications 116, which execute external to the smart card (e.g. programs on kiosks, point-of-purchase machines, etc.), may also place function calls with the operating system 114 to perform tasks or manipulate data on the smart card").

Regarding claims 6, 30, 54 and 78, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 5 wherein said other entity comprise at least one of: an operating system of said card device and another application program (operating system 114 exposes a

set of application program interfaces (APIs) that enable resident applications 112 to perform tasks and manipulate data on the smart card”).

Regarding claims 7, 31, 55 and 79, Deo, discloses card device of claim 1 wherein said capabilities list comprises information regarding at least one of: access rights; and information required for access to a resource (0023 – “[access control list] (ACL) controls access to the associated file, thereby permitting only authorized applications to gain access to and perform file operations on the volatile files” the disclosed access control lists is equated to the claimed capabilities list).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 8-24, 32-47, 56-72 and 80-96 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deo et al. (US Patent No. 6839843 A1 hereinafter Deo) in view of Wilkinson et al. (US Patent No. 6,308,317 hereinafter Wilkinson) and further in view of Exton et al. (US Patent No. 6,910,041 B2 hereinafter Exton)



Regarding claims 8, 32, 56 and 80, Deo, is silent in disclosing the card device of claim 1 wherein said memory stores a first capabilities list and a second capabilities list, said first capabilities list comprising a handle to link to said second capabilities list, however Exton does provide such a disclosure (7:60-66 – “defining a first set of permissions [is the] first access control list” and 8:19-22 – “second access control list controls access ... based on second set of permissions”).

It would have been obvious at the time of the invention to have been motivated to combine the invention of Deo and Wilkinson with the invention of Exton. The motivation for such a combination is provided by Exton in the recitation, “most administration models today revolve around defining a role for a particular administrator and then associating a number of tasks that a person with that role is permitted to perform ... it would be advantageous to provide an improved administration model in which the permission sets are not predefined.

Regarding claims 9, 33, 57 and 81, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 8 wherein said second capabilities list is associated with one or more of other application programs, however Exton does provide such as disclosure (8:19-22 – “second access control list controls access ... based on second set of permissions”).

The rationale and motivation for this obviousness type rejection is the same as in claims 8, 32, 56 and 80.

Regarding claims 10, 34, 58 and 82, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1 wherein said application program is for requesting access to a resource (0008 - "an application requests access to a data file").

Regarding claims 11, 35, 59 and 83, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1 wherein said application program is for transmitting a resource access request to a security manager and said security manager is for transmitting a verify request to a verification program to examine said capabilities list to determine whether said application program is authorized to access said resource, and for performing or denying said requested action based at least in part on said examination (0008 – "file system initially determines whether the application is authorized to gain access to the data file. If it is, the file system next determines whether the data file resides in volatile memory or nonvolatile memory. Once the memory region is identified, the file system identifies the physical location of the data file" the disclosed file system is here equated to the claimed "security manager").

Regarding claims 12, 36, 60 and 84, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 11 wherein said security manager comprises an application program interface (API)

(0008 – “file system exposes a set of application program interfaces (APIs) to allow applications to access the data files”).

Regarding claim 13, 37, 61 and 85, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 11 wherein said security manager is for obtaining information regarding said requesting application program through one of inquiring at a context originating the resource access request and a parameter provided with said resource access request (0034 and 0039).

Regarding claim 14, 38, 62 and 86, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1, further comprising input/output means for receiving said capabilities list from at least one of a provider of said application program and an owner of said one or more resources (0023).

Regarding claim 15, 39, 63 and 87, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1 wherein said capabilities list and said application program constitute a load package received by said card device (0028).

Regarding claims 16, 40, 64 and 88, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1 wherein said device is configured to modify said capabilities list based at least in part on a subsequently received capabilities update list associated with said application program (0027).

Regarding claims 17, 41, 65 and 89, Deo, is silent in disclosing the card device of claim 1 wherein said device is configured to delete said capabilities list or link and access rights upon receiving an instruction to delete said application program from the outside (0027 and 0029).

Regarding claims 18-20, 42-44, 66-68 and 90-92, Deo, is silent in disclosing the card device of claim 1 wherein said capabilities list is encrypted/cryptographically signed by at least one of a provider of said application program and an owner of said one or more resources and said processor is configured to decrypt/cryptographically authenticate said capabilities list, however Wilkinson does provide such a disclosure (16:20-35).

The rationale and motivation for this obviousness type rejection is the same as in claims 4, 28, 52 and 76.

Regarding claims 21, 45, 69 and 93, Deo, is silent in disclosing a processor further configured to cryptographically authenticate said capabilities list when said capabilities list is accessed, said capabilities list being successfully authenticated if a first fingerprint computed over said capabilities list upon storing capabilities list matches a second fingerprint computed over said capabilities list in response to a run-time request to use said capabilities list, however Wilkinson does provide such a disclosure (16:20-35).

The rationale and motivation for this obviousness type rejection is the same as in claims 4, 28, 52 and 76. The claimed “fingerprint” is the encrypted/cryptographically signed access control list/capabilities list disclosed by Wilkinson.

Regarding claims 22, 45, 70, 94, Deo, discloses the card device of claim 1 wherein said application program comprises a plurality of modules (0056 and Table 1).

Regarding claims 23, 46, 71, 95, Deo, is silent in disclosing the card device of claim 1 wherein said application program comprises a Java application program or a Java Card.TM. applet, however Wilkinson does provide such a disclosure (8:20-23).

The rationale and motivation for such obviousness type rejection is the same as in claims 4, 28, 52 and 76.

Regarding claims 24, 47, 72, 96, Deo, is silent in disclosing the card device of claim 1 wherein said capabilities list is embodied in a tag-length-value (TLV) structure, however Wilkinson does provide such a disclosure (8:24-39).

The rationale and motivation for such obviousness type rejection is the same as in claims 4, 28, 52 and 76.

***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHINWENDU C. OKORONKWO whose telephone number is (571)272-2662. The examiner can normally be reached on MWF 2:30 - 6:00, TR 9:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami can be reached on (571) 272 4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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